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The attached may be of some interest to you and might be something we would want to explore further with our military colleagues.

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DATE: 5 Jan 72

TO: GAC

FROM: POO

SUBJECT: Weapons for Laos

REMARKS: Given the example of air strikes failing to knockout one 130m gun in a relatively exposed position on the edge of the PDJ, I thought that you might be interested in the attached.

PAVE PAT might solve the problem of high accuracy needed to knockout spot targets such as protected field guns, as you will note that the weapon produces killing overpressures up to 45,000 sq. ft. Also unlike the COMMANDO VAULT weapon PAVE PAT may be dropped by tactical aircraft, not C-130's.

When first field tests were proposed, there was some excitement in the Bangkok Embassy about the political ramifications if there was an accident with the weapon on board an aircraft--apparently this thing creates a mushroom cloud when it detonates. Also, at that time the Ambassador to Vientiane (Wm. Sullivan) was complaining about US aircraft from Nakom Phanom overflying Laotian territory (AI-E's from NKP were to drop them in SVN for the test).

We have nothing on the final results of the combat test, but this thing certainly holds promise for the defense of Long Tieng.

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